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Preservation of and compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/60 of 12 December 1995 and 52/30 of 9 December 1997 on compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements,

Recognizing the historical role of the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles[1] as a cornerstone for maintaining global strategic stability, world peace and regional security, and reaffirming its continued validity and relevance, especially in the current international situation,

Stressing the paramount importance of full and strict compliance with all provisions of the Treaty by the States parties and the resolving of compliance concerns effectively by means consistent with the agreement,

Recognizing that safeguarding the inviolability of the Treaty can, inter alia, facilitate efforts to preserve other existing arms control agreements, including to extend the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the United States of America on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, as well as to create more favourable conditions for further negotiations on reducing and limiting nuclear arms and the conclusion of additional international arms limitation, disarmament and non-proliferation agreements and thereby contribute to better relations among States and the strengthening of world peace and security,

Mindful of the obligations of the States parties to the Treaty under article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,[2] and welcoming their resolve to work together and with other States and international organizations in the interest of fulfilling such obligations,

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[1] *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 12:1987 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.IX.2), appendix VII.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 729, No. 10485.

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Concerned that the implementation of any measures undermining the purposes and provisions of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty affects not only the security interests of the States parties, but also those of the whole international community, and noting the role that the United Nations has played and should continue to play in fostering the preservation of the Treaty,

Mindful that it is the responsibility and obligation of all States to contribute to the process of easing international tension and to strengthening international peace and security and, in this connection, to refrain from steps negatively affecting the security environment and efforts to advance along the path of nuclear disarmament, as well as general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Recalling the widespread concern about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery,

1. *Calls for* efforts by States parties to strengthen the Treaty between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles[1] and to preserve its viability so that it remains a cornerstone in maintaining global strategic stability, world peace and regional security and in promoting further nuclear arms reductions;

2. *Also calls for* renewed efforts by each of the States parties to preserve and strengthen the Treaty through full and strict compliance;

3. *Calls upon* the Russian Federation and the United States of America to continue consultations on compliance with obligations under the Treaty and to resume a constructive dialogue on strategic issues premised on openness, mutual confidence and real opportunities for cooperation, which is of paramount importance, especially in a changing security environment, and hopes that this dialogue will be conducive to further progress in reducing nuclear arms and strengthening international security and stability;

4. *Encourages* efforts by States parties to develop additional cooperative measures, as appropriate, that can increase confidence in compliance with the Treaty and reduce the possibility of misinterpretation and misunderstanding;

5. *Considers* that the implementation of any measure undermining the purposes and the provisions of the Treaty also undermines global strategic stability, world peace, regional security and the promotion of further nuclear arms reductions;

6. *Urges* all Member States to support efforts aimed at stemming the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery;

7. *Supports* efforts by the international community, in the light of emerging developments, towards safeguarding the inviolability of the Treaty, which is in the strongest interest of the international community;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fourth session an item entitled "Preservation of and compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty".